

**MORE THAN 400,000 TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL CITATIONS ISSUED  
DURING 2005 HIGHWAY SAFETY CAMPAIGNS  
More than 3 million traffic and criminal violations recorded since 1993**

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RALEIGH--The Governor's Highway Safety Program announced today that state and local law enforcement officers across North Carolina issued a total of 405,909 traffic and criminal citations during "Click It or Ticket" and "Booze It & Lose It" campaigns conducted in 2005.

That total includes 12,674 driving while impaired arrests and 55,284 occupant protection citations for safety belt and child passenger safety violations. Officers also recovered 577 stolen vehicles and 475 fugitives from justice.

"The tireless efforts of our law enforcement officers statewide are making North Carolina's highways safer and have increased our safety belt use rate to 86.7 percent, our state's highest rate ever," said Darrell Jernigan, director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program. "I urge citizens to do their part by always buckling up and never driving after drinking."

More than 3 million traffic and criminal violations have been recorded since 1993 by the Governor's Highway Safety Program, which coordinates the campaigns.

GHSP created "Click It or Ticket" in 1993 to increase safety belt and child safety seat use rates and reduce the incidence of preventable, crash-related injury and death through stepped-up enforcement of the state's occupant protection laws. The initiative has become the national model for a high-visibility enforcement and education campaign of the same name operated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

According to an annual NHTSA survey, North Carolina's 2005 safety belt usage rate, 86.7 percent has increased 4 percent since 2004. These results are tabulated from probability-based observational surveys, which follow established criteria. In August 2005, GHSP launched a companion campaign called "R U Buckled," a partnership with high schools across the state to encourage safety belt use among student drivers and passengers. This program requires drivers and passengers to buckle their safety belts before leaving school parking lots or they risk losing on-campus-parking privileges. More than 19,000 students from 54 high schools in 16 counties participated in the initiative last year.

GHSP also conducted its 11th annual "Booze It & Lose It" campaign during 2005. The winter campaign served to introduce the state's sixth breath-alcohol testing mobile unit, or BATMobile. These high-tech tools are provided at no cost to law enforcement and provide fast, on-site testing and preliminary processing of impaired drivers.

Below are statewide citation totals for 2005 "Click It or Ticket" and "Booze It & Lose It" campaigns. For county-by-county breakdowns, contact the GHSP at 919-733-3083 or visit their Web site at [www.ncdot.org/secretary/ghsp](http://www.ncdot.org/secretary/ghsp).

**"Booze It & Lose It" Statewide Totals**

	DWI		Occupant Protection		Traffic Violations		Criminal Violations		Totals	Other Offenses*	
Total Check	Driving	Seat Belt	Child Passenger	Speeding	Total Traffic	Drug Violation	Total Criminal	Total Traffic	Stolen Vehicles	Fugitives	

points and Patrol s	While Impai red Violat ions	Violati ons	nger Safet y Violat ions		Violati ons	ions	nal Violat ions	& Crimina l Violatio ns	es Recov ered	Arreste d
Spring "Click It" 10,452	3,308	23,803	2,265	31,251	83,544	2,245	5,740	11,660	173	43
Fall "Booze It" 5,605	3,108	10,581	1,409	27,769	68,525	1,496	4,223	87,846	117	48
Winter "Booze It" 14,084	6,258	14,892	2,334	68,811	166,094	3,763	9,825	199,960	287	384
TOTAL 30,141	12,674	49,276	6,008	127,831	318,163	7,504	19,788	299,466	577	475

\*These columns are not counted into overall total of violations.  
Data compiled by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

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For county-by-county citation data or information regarding other North Carolina highway safety issues,  
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